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Neither Congress Nor the People Yet

Committed to Imperialism Says Mr.

Senator Hoar has written a letter to former Senator Edmunds replying to an invitation to be present at a meeting to be held to discuss the Philippine question. Senator Hoar ate than elsewhere. He adds:

strengthened by what has happened ever since If we had dealt with the people of the Philippine Islands as buy them, and then undertaking to subjugate them by force, we had as sured them of our purpose to respect their rights, to protect them against foreign interference, to sid them, to considering its bill for river improve-restore order, and to leave them, ments to remember this historical whenever they should desire, to the blessing of freedom and of self-gov trampled on the doctrines upon which our own institutions are founded. We should not have contradicted the pledge of our fathers. We should not have incurred the undying harred of the people of the Philing page. batred of the people of the Philip-pine Islands. We should have received from their gratitude every

or in both hemispheres.
"Terrible mischief has been already sceemplished through the blunder of last winter's treaty. But it is not too late to retrace our steps. Congress has not yet committed itself to the has not yet committed here. Salt River is an imaginary policy of imperialism. Still less are existing only in the geography of political humor. It is, on the contrary, the tributary of the of the Philippine Islands that we will not trample them under foot or compel them to obey us against foreign floating a fair local commerce. But pel them to obey us against foreign capidity; that we will aid them to restore order; that we will help them in every way in our power to establish imaginary passengers on its quiet for themselves such government as they may desire; that thereafter our relations to them should be only those

ies. Rates low as the lowest, and losses flag of the United States, which it is I REPRESENT ONLY THE its rightful supremacy, and from which it could never be hauled down."

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim.' No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts, guaranteed, at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store

Exhuming the Maine's Dead.

Monday morning a gang of fourteen grave diggers, superintended by Chaplain Chidwick and Dr. Macour, began the exhumation, in Color Cemetery, of the remains of the vic tims of the Maine. After clearing away the tops of the mounds from a majority of the graves the men set to three, which contained twenty cof-

About 1 o'clock in the afternoon the first coffin was raised. It conand was one of the few tin-lined cof fins in which bodies were placed som days before the funeral took place. The next contained the remains of Harry Keys, and the third those of Eldon Nero.

mains were immediately placed in tin-lined coffins prepared with lime and charcoal bottoms, after which more lime and charcoal were used.

Gaining a Wide Reputation. As the coffins were raised the reand then the coffins were carried a few yards away, where tinsmiths nailed down and hermetically sealed the lids, the names being distinctly

Chaplain Chidwick, using his chart, kept a strict account in each instance Forty coffins exhumed were carried to the cemetery chapel, about 100 yards away.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no nelp, but she says of this Royal Oure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottes free at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

A copy of Queen Victoria's "Leaves from the Journal of Our Life in the Highlands," presented by Her Majesty to Charles Dickens, was sold at auction in London the other day for \$500.

That Throbbing Headachs.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents Money back if not cured. Sold by M. Lewis, druggist. Empire Grain Drills

SALT RIVER.

A Movement on Foot to Improve the

The Washington Star says: The wits of of the Fifty-sixth Coagress may as well be getting ready, declines to attend because he thinks for they are to have at least one that what he will have to say on the theme worthy of their powers. Ap Pailippine question will be more effective if said in his place in the Senprovement of Sait River. This is the "I have not changed the opinion I stream famous in political song and formed and expressed last winter, story. Parties may come and parties | Lahe except thet it has been confirmed and | may go, but Salt River flows on for-

hey certainly had no better title-of difficulty. Many such have passed an hour from its discovery the store right ought to be free and independup, and many others must inevitably and dwelling were consumed. ments to remember this historical view mines. For some time capital waterway.

The appeal will not rest exhimself, in youth, a flatboatman. vantage or advantages of military or naval station that their gratitude could bestow. We should have the glory—with which the glory of no other country in history could be compared—of being the great liberator in both hemisphetes.

Trom his old home. But not unlikely he fell in on his voyages with some of his father's old neighbors, and dance ed with his cronies in hoedown fashion to their fiddling. A bit of sentiment, therefore, goes with the old Salt River joke, and the sentiment. tion the fact that there are up-to-date business considerations applying. ought to secure for the appeal a respectful, if not a friendly hearing. it owes its fame to the politicians, and great numbers of them have been go home. He has a force of work

\$100 Reward, \$100.

relations to them should be only those of friends and equals.

"If that were done, peace could be restored in an hour. Order and prosperity and happiness would prevail instead of war and devastation. The flag of the United States, which it is sought to make the symbol of conquest and oppression, would be, as it has ever been till now a symbol of liberty and of hope to all the nations of the earth. Withdrawn only from territory over, which it waves without right, it would continue to wave over that moral field over which is its rightful supremacy, and from

The British Disasters.

The defeat of General Buller near Colenso by the Boers furnishes additional evidence that England has a difficult task before her in the sub jugation of that brave and determined people. It seems likely now that the war will be much more protracted than even the most conservative had anticipated and that to the valuable lives already lost many more must be added before British supremacy can be established. In fact, it is entirely within the range of possibility that in spite of her immense strength and resources, Great Britain may ultimately be forced to abandon a strug gle which promises to prove not only costly in men and treasure, but full of dangerous contingencies. If Russia and other enemies of England should see in this struggle their opportunity to attack her or to develop their own interests at her expense, the Trans vasl war might lead to complications which would possibly cost her far more than the African game is worth. Aside from these possibilities, how-ever, every one of humane instincts work, at 7 o'clock, to open the first must share the feeling of sadness which contained twenty cof-Queen of England, who, it is reported. is in a deplorable condition as a result of the heavy casualties, and is scarcely less affected by the losses among the Boers than by those of her own people. Possibly the Queen feels, as do many thousands of persons in England and elsewhere, that this was a war that could have been avoided and that two great and brave races are suffering from the ambitions

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide
reputation. D. B Johnston, of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with
that ailment since 1862. In speaking
of it he says: 'I never found anything
that would relieve me until I used
Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like
magic with me. My foot was swollen
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good application of Pain Balm relieved
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ORANGE.

Store and Dwelling Destroy4d - Gold Min-ing Christmas Entertainments-Notes and Personals

(Correspondence of The Free Lauce) Orange County, Va., Dec. 18, 1899. At half past 10 o'clock last Friday

night the new store and dwelling just completed by John M. Daniel, at Lahore, were entirely destroyed by and the properties of Cubs, who we declared—and y certainly had no better title—of

While there is a lull at the Mill. view mines, a little way from Lahore, there is much interest center ing in the gold mines on the farm of John G. Boston, close by the Millists have been interested in the Boston mine, which is regarded as the clusively upon humor and good richest in this sector. Recently ore nature. There is a pleasant side taken from this mine has been cent of sentimental interest to the sub-

though he probably never shipped ed with offerings will wave in beauty from his old home. But not unlikely to the delight of the little ones. Weddesday, December, 27, the tree at Pamunkey bearing the fruit of benefgreeting of the children. The fraternal spirit of these churches is marked with commendable Christian brotherhood

The delightful weather almost pre cludes the use of fire, keeps green the fields and facilitates plowing and fencing. Blue birds and wrens are There are people with the idea that singing in the morning sunshine while fever and disease stalks abroad in our land.

R L Coleman has returned full of smiles from a pleasant visit to Hinton. He reports flourishing times in that city.

T. R. Casey has gone to his Chica-

men making additional improve-ments on his place near Lahore. Our stores are sparkling with Christmas goods, and the pullets are doing their best to cackle a bit into every stocking. Good steamed oats,

scolloped liver, potato salad, a la red pepper, etc., etc., are lavishly used to help these enterprising work ers on the nest. When her henship appounces that she has made another contribution to commerce the house congratulations.

Our enterprising merchant, W. provements Tom has recently made about his home adds greatly to looks

as well as comfort.

Mrs. H. C. Burruss has presented her jolly good husband with a cute Christmas gift. It is not a kit of oysters or a little brown jug, better far than this. It's a blue eyed little

Mrs. Julian Kendall, a near neigh bor and kinswoman of Mrs. Burrus, who is never second best, has made Julian a happy man and full of joy by giving him a baby boy.

Our boys are turning in from school, railroading and other vocations, to spend the holidays around the old hearth stone. May the greeting be full of pleasure and profit; may memory on unfailing wing carry each heart to the rude manger at Bethlehem, and in one unbroken chain follow the examples of this Divine, being into a higher, holier and nobler existence.

To The Free Lance and its readers we wish a happy Christmas. May the recollections of a well spent year crystallize into pleasant memories, and may faith, hope and charity adorn the resolutions for higher aim and nobler purpose.

Summary of the Message of the President.

(From the National Watchman) It greatly resembles a stump speech. The gold standard is urged upon Congress for immediate action. Impound the greenbacks

And the currency to be contracted to that extent. Demagogical phrases, such as 'lexisting gold standard," used while urging

the passage of a law to create a gold standard. He acknowledges the existence of trusts, and pronounces them obnoxious, not only to the common law, but also to the public welfare; but doubts the

Seven hundred and sixty dollars per month taken from American tax-payers to support the Sultan of Sulu and his chiefs.

ability of the Government to control

The President tells of slavery on the Island of Sulu, and asserts that under

The following is a list of writings admitted to record in the clerk's office of Stafford county since the Novem-

Deed for land from R. S. Payne

and als. to Peter Snellings. Deed of trust from Peter Snellings et ux. to H. G. Chesley. Deed for land from Mary A. Hard-

Deed of trust from Geo. W. Payne et ux. to Enterprise Building Asso-

Deed for land from B. W. Irvin et ux. to Geo. W. Hessony. Deed for land from R H L.Chiches-Transvaal League, recently organized ter, commissioner, to Thos. Fines. Deed of trust from Thos Fines to The speakers were selected from the various nationalties, and each speaker was preceded by national R. H. L. Chichester.

Deed for land for Jane M. Sullivan

Deed for land for Joo. A. Mac-Pherson to Rapidan Mining and Milling Company.

The speeches all expressed sym-pathy and hope of victory for the Afrikanders and denounced England

&e., to B. A. Brashear. Deed for land from R. L. Fitzhugh C. A Truslow

ommissioner, &e, to C. A. Shack-tt.

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ix. to Enterprise Building Associa-

T. Norman to Paris Prince Deed of trust from Paris Prince to Enterprise Building Association.
T. W. Franklin, justice of peace, has paid the following fines as of December 11, 1899: Commonwealth vs. Sullivan \$8; Commonwealth vs.

\$1,000,000 Boer War Fund.

organization to aid in fitting out troops to help the Boers in their fight with the British met with the enthusiastic indorsement of every member hold is aroused as if by the yell of the order in the Chica should be an ire, while the "old rooster," taking the canada. Mr. Keating has been autire, while the "old rooster," taking the interest the property of the order in the Chica should be a the executive officers of the order in the United States and Canada. It is pure in heart who travel through this T. Martin, is building a new stable proposed that every member give money toward the scheme, and that with the fund thus raised, troops and hospital corps be equipped and sent to South Africa to join the Boer

> Speaking of the movement Mr. Keating said: "Personally I am in time, hearty accord with it. We have 8. more than 200,000 members, and if having lived in a consecutive manner each member give \$5 toward the fund, it would not be difficult to raise the proposed \$1,000,000. I have no doubt that the scheme will meet with

and Irritable. Every cough congests the lining membrane of your lungs. Cease tearing your throat and lungs in this way. Put the parts at rest and give them a chance to heal. You will need some help to do this, and you will find it in

From the first dose the quiet and rest begin: the tickling in the throat ceases; the spasm weakens; the cough disappears. Do not wait for pneumonia and consumption but cut short your cold without delay.

toral should be over the lungs of every person troubled with a cough

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List of Writings.

ber term of court

et ux. to Wm. R. Hill Deed of trust H. W. Hill et als. to R. H. L. Chichester. Deed for land from S. Boutyard

ing to Geo. W. Payne.

Deed for 18nd for R. C. Perry et als. to S. M. Perry. Deed for land from W. B. Beach, a.c., to Geo. W. Cropp et ux.

Deed of trust from Geo. W. Cropp et ux. to Eaterprise Building Asso-

to M. K. Lowry.

Deed for land from Virginia Ennis
to B. A. Dodd et ux.

Deed for land for Joo. A. Macby the German Turners and members of the Arbeiterbund.

Milling Company.
Deed for land for Geo. W. Hessony
et nx. to C. E. Logerwell.
Deed of trust from M. A. Bohr,

F M Higgins Editor Seneca (Ills.) News, was afflicted for years with Piles that no dector or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. Deed for land from T. W. Berrev,

Deed for land from Roberta Heflin to P. English. Deed of trust from P. English et

Deed for land from W. M. and T.

By R. H. Bryan, justice of peace, \$2.50, Commonwealth vs. Parker, December 14, 1899.

ed manner. But possibly the reader will see the point. Here they are: 1. Polygamy is an abhorrent thing

John T. Keating, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, said in Chicago Monday that the plan to raise \$1,000,000 in the 3. Dr. Talmage has charmed the peo-

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the approval of the officers and di-

anthems rendered by musical organi-

zations of his nationality and in his native tongue. The local division, Ancient O.der of Hibernians, the

largest in the West, turned out in force, but they were outnumbered by the Polish clubs and almost equaled

Editor's Awful Plight.

Dr. Talmage's Four Wives.

A writer in the Washington, D. C.

views of the House majority in the

vote on the Tayler resolution adopted

Tuesday. Still, I am overwhelmed by

the Talmage view, and submit eleven

propositions, in a somewhat disconnect-

1. Polygamy is an abhorrent thing

that the good will meet their loved

4. Hence, in the next world the

elect will know the bliss of family reun-

5. This is a blessed throught for the

6. If this is true, the programme

on earth is neccessarily different from

7. Roberts is said to have three

wives, two too many for earth, at one

8. Dr. Talmage will cross the divide,

10 But there must be reunions in

11. Dr. Talmage may have the same

trouble in the next world that Roberts

An association of women in Oregon

has been formed to work against the

woman's suffrage amendment, which

is to be voted on in that State next

June. These women say woman's suffrage has proved itself a failure in

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and Roberts should be hung.

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that of heaven.

tion on earth.

has in this.

school elections.

with four earthly wives.

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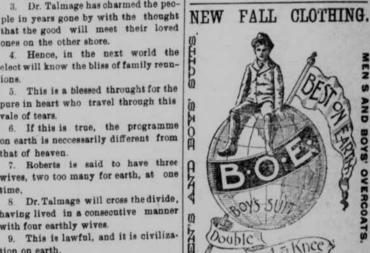
This is a splendid Corset. O ne of our lady customers who has purchased one of us, says I read Dr. Talmage's sermon against polygamy, published in the Post last it is the best fitting and most Monday. I am absolutely opposed to polygamy, but do not agree with the

comfortable she ever wore.

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2. Dr. Talmage's sermon(?)published last Monday was the most eloquent ar-T. BAKER



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